

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 29, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Paul Chattinger, Tony Emerio, Karen Ireland, Carmine Rossi
Absent – None
County – Tara Musselman, Alan Holbach, Tim Free

Meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from December 8, 2010, were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- Mr. Free advised that there are approximately 60 road crossings left to be replaced, and their anticipated completion is the end of August. He added that the actual cost is coming in less than initially estimated.
- Ms. Ireland commented that some of the road crossings near Halendale are not finished. Mr. Free responded that replacement is a multi-step process, but he assured Ms. Ireland that he would check on the status of the work.
- Ms. Musselman said there are no plans yet for adding an MSTU in West County in FY12.
- Mr. Emerio inquired about bridge work slated for FY11. Ms. Musselman responded that the plan is to replace all missing handrails, then reevaluate the scope of needed maintenance work, with input from the Committee about the work they would like performed.
- Mr. Emerio noted that there is cattail overgrowth on the south side of the road that runs along the San Doming Park. Mr. Free will investigate the issue.
- Ms. Ireland advised that there is inconsistency with how reflectors are placed near bridges. Ms. Musselman will investigate this issue.
- Mr. Emerio inquired about the status of the Committee's request for installation of an "End of Pavement Sign." Ms. Musselman will investigate.
- Commuters are still using the side street near the access road. Mr. Free will have the Engineering Department evaluate what measures could be taken to improve safety and navigation.
- Ms. Ireland advised that conditions on 771 are not consistent at the road's edge. Mr. Holbach said paving would likely be the best method of repair, but he will investigate. Mr. Free advised that M&O anticipates purchasing a new piece of equipment that will facilitate and improve shoulder repairs.
- Mr. Emerio asked to confirm the allocation of \$250,000 for bridge work in FY12. Ms. Musselman confirmed that figure and added that the Engineering Department will confer with the Committee about what work will be done.

- Mr. Emerio asked how far into the right-of-way operators shear brush. Mr. Holbach said they generally stay at the edge of the right-of-way or as close as they reasonably can, due to safety obstacles (i.e., power lines, power poles).
- Mr. Emerio inquired whether M&O would be responsible for mowing side lots. Mr. Free replied that, to his recollection, the Committee previously felt that the cost was too high and were considering having that activity added to other contractual work. Ms. Ireland inquired about plans M&O might have for installing plants in the side lots. Ms. Musselman replied that Joanne Vernon, Public Works Stormwater Manager, addressed that issue in June 2010, stating her concern that residents would not be pleased with the appearance of the plantings. Ms. Musselman will ask Ms. Vernon to attend the next meeting to facilitate further discussion.
- The question was raised about a more effective time management method for sign inspection. Mr. Holbach assured the Committee that future modifications to operations will allow the workers an opportunity to make small repairs while onsite doing inspections.
- Mr. Emerio registered a complaint that the contract mowers are sweeping through the back roads at a speed that is too quick for the cutters to be efficient. Mr. Holbach responded that, if someone in the community witnesses the mowing contractors not performing as expected, M&O needs to be notified immediately. Ms. Musselman said there should be seven annual mowing cycles, but there were only six. She will request a change order to add a seventh cycle, but it is too late in the year to add a cycle in April.
- Mr. Emerio inquired whether the Committee and the County could put together a Gant Chart that would advise residents about improvements or progress taking place in the community.
- Mr. Holbach said that, when issues arise, immediate notification is best and a service request should be submitted directly to Public Works via the website or phone. The Committee presented several concerns:
 - Mr. Rossi commented that the speed limit signs on Calumet are only on each end of the street and not near the intersection of Calumet and San Domingo. Ms. Musselman will forward his concerns to the Engineering Department for investigation.
 - A number of residents have launched marine vessels off another resident's private property. Mr. Holbach suggested that the property owner post a "No Trespassing" sign to give the Sheriff's Department the authority to remove trespassers.
 - There are pine trees on the north circle on the east side of Mead that are creating a line-of-sight issue in the right-of-way.

New Business:

- Mr. Rossi commented that the plantings by the lift station look nice.
- Mr. Rossi requested a status update on paving improvement plans. Ms. Musselman said the Committee would need to start planning in FY20-22 for paving in FY24-26. She added that, if the Committee would prefer to raise the assessment to begin collecting and saving for paving well before FY24-26, planning and budgeting should begin near FY15.

- Ms. Slater asked what the actual costs were for the pipe replacement project. Mr. Free will have the figures forwarded to her.
- Ms. Slater suggested having the Committee publish an update on the status of projects in the News and Views.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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